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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Michael BAZYLENKO et al )  
TITLE: WAVEGUIDE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING )  
THE WAVEGUIDE STRUCTURE )  
COMPLETION OF PCT/AU00/00219 filed 20 March 2000 )

The Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-25 from the PCT application as filed as well as claims 1-21 from the claims filed in response to the Written Opinion on 04 July 2001 and substitute the clean version of claims 1-25 as attached to the substitute specification. Enclosed is a marked copy of the claims, showing changes made therein.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to place the same in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

A substitute specification is enclosed and is based on the following materials:

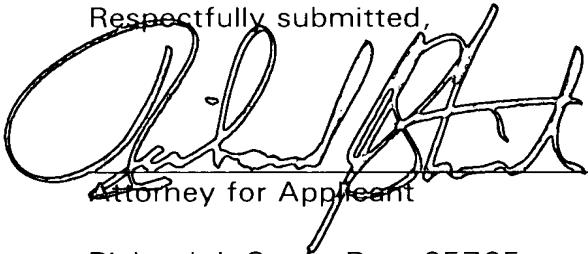
- Pages 1-9 as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report
- Pages 10-12 of the amended claims as referenced above
- Page 13 of the abstract as filed in the PCT international application
- 2 sheets of drawings as filed in the PCT international application

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

September 17, 2001

Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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